



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH
Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

March 21, 2023

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2023-001053

Dear Talia Soglin (Chicago Tribune):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on March 10, 2023, in which you seek the Initial Letter to Charging Party and Initial Letter to Charged Party in *El Milagro Inc. and El Milagro LLC*, Case No. 13-CA-313349. You assumed financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00.

We acknowledged your request on March 10, 2023. Your request for expedited processing is granted.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. This search has located the requested records, which are attached. Based on your prior FOIA requests seeking records involving El Milagro, we are also including a copy of the Charge Against Employer, which was not originally listed on the Agency case page.

After a review, I have determined that certain information in the attached records are exempt from disclosure under Exemptions 6, 7(A), and 7(C) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), (b)(7)(A), and (b)(7)(C)). Specifically, redactions have been made to protect the privacy interests of individuals named in the records. These redactions were made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and FOIA Exemption 7(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). Additionally, redactions have been made to certain information in the attached records as the information is part of the investigative file in an open case file and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 7(A) as well. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). Exemption 7(A) allows an agency to withhold records included in an open investigatory file where disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. See *NLRB v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co.*, 437 U.S. 214, 236 (1978).

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category C, as a representative of the news media, in that you qualify as a person “actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public.” NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(1)(vii). Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

You may contact William T. Hearne, the FOIA Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at (202) 273-0139 or by email at william.hearne@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency’s FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami, FOIA Public Liaison
National Labor Relations Board
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Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov
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Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Toll free: (877) 684-6448
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You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at: <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> or by mail or email at:

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Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the FOIA Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Synta E. Keeling

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FOIA Officer

Attachment: (13 pages)